

2021 REFERRAL TO EPA

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Narrative: Email received: On December 23, my 17-month-old, completely healthy dog, suddenly seized and passed away. It was both horrifying and heartbreaking. There were no answers, until yesterday. I also have an eleven-year-old dog, for whom we now have answers on his developing neurological issues.

The common factor and only answer is that we started using Soresto collars versus chewables or applicable products for flea and tick prevention. Upon reading new articles, citing at least 1,700 deaths related to the collars, there was an answer. My vet actually forwarded the article to me.

I know this is something being investigated, so add one more death and one more symptomatic reaction to the books.

Thank you for your time and the work you do.

Email response:

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dog. Thank you for emailing to report this. It would be most helpful if you could provide additional information about the incident for our incident database. Please call us at 800-858-7378, Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 12:00pm Pacific Time to speak directly with a Pesticide Specialist. If you are unable to call, it would be most helpful if you could provide detail about both your dogs' ages, breeds, and weights, as well as when you started using the collars and when their symptoms began.

The National Pesticide Information Center at Oregon State University is an information service and has no regulatory authority in relation to pesticides. However, our incident reports are made available to the US EPA. Furthermore, our website features a reporting database that veterinarians can use to report adverse effects related to pesticide products. Please be aware this resource is only for veterinarians. Please consider encouraging your veterinarian to submit a report through this portal when they observe adverse reactions to pesticide products. The link for this portal is provided below.

Veterinary Pesticide Adverse Effects Reporting http://npic.orst.edu/vet (for use only by veterinary professionals)

An additional mode of reporting adverse effects is by contacting the manufacturer. Under FIFRA 6(a)(2), manufacturers are required to submit adverse effects information about their products to the US EPA. Manufacturer contact information can be accessed from the following link:

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Manufacturer Contact Information http://npic.orst.edu/ingred/manuf.htm

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